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Mr. Jack J. Schramm  
Regional Administrator  
U. S. Environmental Protection Agency  
6th & Walnut Streets  
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Dear Jack:

As you can see from the attached letter from the Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control to New Castle County, the County and the State are endeavoring to coordinate actions in solving the groundwater contamination problem in the Llangollen area.

New Castle County has already commenced corrective action at the Army Creek Landfill and recognizes its responsibility to continue timely action. The State recognizes the Delaware Sand and Gravel landfill contributes to the contamination of the aquifer and its responsibility for ensuring that corrective actions are also taken at this site.

At this time, we would like to involve Region III EPA with our cooperative efforts and request that you appoint a member of your staff to participate in a work group described in the attached letter. Because Al Montague is already familiar with this issue and has shown considerable expertise in the area, we recommend that he be your designee.

Please call either of us if this request poses any problems for you.

Sincerely,

*A. P. Olney*

Austin P. Olney  
Secretary, Department of Natural  
Resources and Environmental Control

*John F. Kirk, Jr.*

John F. Kirk, Jr.  
Chief Administrative Officer  
New Castle County

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I look forward to working with you closely in this matter and hope that you will feel free to call me at any time.

Sincerely,



Austin P. Olney  
Secretary

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cc Governor Pierre S. du Pont  
Ms. Mary Jornlin, County Executive, New Castle County  
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Dear Jack:

This letter is to confirm our conversation which took place at a July 20 meeting in our office with members of the New Castle County 208 program staff and the Department of Public Works staff.

I would first offer the state's support for the County's efforts to mitigate the pollution caused by the abandoned landfills in the vicinity of Army Creek. In order to continue the momentum which the County has established in solving this problem, I would like to propose establishing a work group which would meet on a regular basis to coordinate State and County efforts toward an eventual solution of this problem. From our department I would like to offer the services of Bob Touhey, Mike Apgar and Ken Weiss to serve as participants in this work group. I will leave the designation of County participants to you.

I would offer to work more closely with you in your presentations to County Council. We recognize the enormity of the task in cleaning up the contamination from these landfills and recognize that if County Council is to commit County resources to solving these problems, they should be fully apprised of the State's position in these matters and should see evidence of State support for their actions.

We also recognize that the Delaware Sand and Gravel landfill contributes to the contamination of the aquifer. We are endeavoring to compel, through an on-going lawsuit, the owners of the landfill to take remedial action consistent with the recommendations made by the County's consultants. We do, however, expect some delays in implementing the remedial measures at the Delaware Sand and Gravel site because the case involves complex and ardously contested issues. We are committed to vigorous legal action, but urge the County not to delay remedial action pending a resolution of this suit.

We would also offer to join the County in seeking Federal assistance. A logical starting point in this venture is a request to Jack Schramm seeking his appointment of a Region III EPA engineer. Since we have worked with Al Pratt in the past, I suggest that we specifically ask for his designation. Enclosed is a joint letter to Jack Schramm.

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